# News UPDATE

#### 369th Signal **Battalion Change** of Responsibility Ceremony Cancelled

The 369th Signal Battalion Command Sgt. Maj. Change of Responsibility originally scheduled for June 1 has been cancelled.

#### Lt. Gen. Grav **Bridge Dedication**

The City of Augusta is renaming the bridge on Walton Way between 5th and 7th Street in downtown the Lt. Gen. Gray Bridge in honor of Lt. Gen. Robert E. Gray, a former Fort Gordon Commander and chief of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, who died Nov. 23, 2011 in a two-vehicle accident outside Millen, Ga. The dedication ceremony is scheduled 10 a.m. June 5.

#### Change of Command

The 513th Military Intelligence Brigade will conduct a Change of Command at 8 a.m. June 21 on Barton Field. The inclement weather location will be Alexander Hall.

#### **Signal Ball**

The 152nd Signal Corps Regimental Anniversary Ball will be held June 22 in the Augusta Marriott Hotel & Suites Ballroom. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. outside Ballroom Main Entrance and the Receiving Line will begin at 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:45 p.m. in the Oglethorpe Ballroom.





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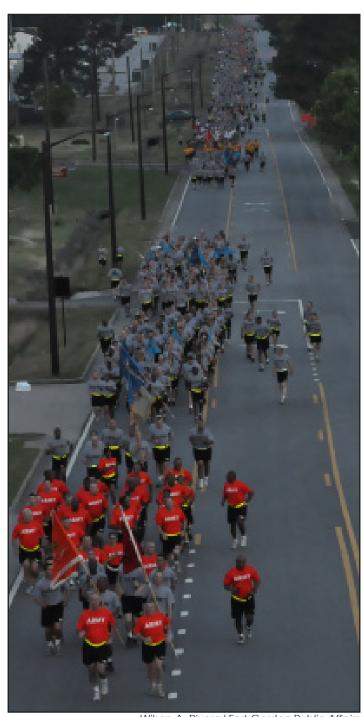
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#### Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial replica visits Fort Gordon during Memorial Day weekend

The traveling three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Standing 240 feet long and eight feet high the wall is inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. A candlelight vigil is scheduled 9 p.m. May 27. The wall, which was escorted to Fort Gordon May 22 by area motorcyclists, the Georgia State Patrol, Richmond and Columbia County Sheriffs office, will be on display for public viewing 24/7 on the southeast end of Barton Field until the closing ceremony scheduled 6 p.m. Memorial Day, May 28. Flag Cover photo by Bonnie Heater, Fort Gordon Public Affairs.



Wilson A. Rivera/Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Soldiers shout cadences as formations run on Lane Avenue during the Quarterly Post Run May 23.

# MG Lynn leads installation into holiday weekend, summer season with early morning run

Nick Spinelli

Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Cannon fire and cadences marked the beginning of the Quarterly Post Run, led by Maj. Gen. Alan R. Lynn, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon commanding general, May 23.

Before beginning, Lynn thanked the over 4,000

assembled servicemembers, representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

"We truly are a joint service post," Lynn said. Although he only spoke

briefly, Lynn stressed how proud he is of the quality of service he has seen from those attached to Fort Gordon.

"Every time I turn around, I see new excellence on this

post," he said. "Thank you for all your effort, hard work,

and dedication." The commanding general also took the time to remind everyone to be safe over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend before leading what he referred to as a, "nice and easy" three-mile run around

post.



Nick Spinelli / Fort Gordon Public Affairs

In the early morning hours on Barton Field, Gen. Alan R. Lynn, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon commanding general, prepares to lead the assembled servicemembers of Fort Gordon on a Quarterly Post Run.



Wilson A. Rivera/Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Air Force veterans greet each other as every military service branch is called May 19 during the opening ceremony to Operation Sandbox, which started at Augusta Harley-Davidson.

## Operation Sandbox is a 'GO' through Fort Gordon

Wilson A. Rivera

Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office

Armed Forces Day started off with a motorcycle ride through Fort Gordon and passing the billets of Soldiers as a tribute for their service.

Operation Sandbox has delivered packages to more than 86,000 servicemembers around the world. They are able to make this possible through the registration fee from motorcycle rides to pay for the postage to send the

packages. "We're grateful and proud of Operation Sandbox and the Harley-Davidson dealership here," said Maj. Gen. Alan R. Lynn, U.S. Army Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon commanding general. "They are committed to our nation's Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines, and hope your generosity will continue for many years to come."

# Reservists give citizens a peek into Army communications



Staff Sgt. Stan Buckalew, a satellite network manager with the 324th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary), explains the responsibilities of a Soldier in communications to a visitor during the Thunder over Augusta celebration May 19 at Towne Center Park in Evans, Ga. Buckalew, an Evans native, was the noncommissioned officer in charge of establishing a static display for the military-themed celebration held to highlight the contributions of local servicemembers and

Spc. Anthony Hooker

359th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade

U.S. Army Reservist Blain Flowers took a deep swig of water from his bottle before addressing the newest visitors to his workplace. Flowers, a information systems analyst with the 324th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary), was one of 13 Soldiers given the honor of hosting everyday citizens at the Thunder Over Augusta celebration May 19 at Towne Center Park in Evans, Ga.

Established in 2008, Thunder Over Augusta is an event intended to celebrate the contributions of the American military. The Central Savannah River area event, which was spearheaded by the Augusta Warrior Project, provided th epublic static displays and live demonstrations from all branches of the military. Augmenting the military's presence were music artists, motorbike stuntmen, and a

nighttime fireworks display. The 324th ESB did their part by assembling a six-piece display: Two humvees (one with reinforced protective armor), a light medium tactical vehicle, two transportable satellite terminals and a deployable rapid assembly shelter. Flowers' goal was to explain how all of this high-dollar equipment helped Soldiers like himself achieve the biggest objective: establish reliable communication links for servicemen under hostile

conditions. "I explained our objective, how we proceed and the end result," said Flowers, a Savannah, Ga., native, who estimated he gave over a dozen information briefs throughout the day. "I also tried to make my job relatable by comparing what we do to a civilian (position), like a network operations manager for AT&T or Verizon."

Don McNeal, a spokesman

for the organizers of Thunder Over Augusta, said local businessmen simply decided in a casual meeting that they wanted Augusta to showcase an open appreciation for the

military. "I've been told that there are over 60,000 veterans in the area and only a small percentage have been identified," said McNeal. "[The local businessmen] said, 'We love fireworks and we love the military so let's do it!""

Visitors were allowed to enter the military vehicles on site so they could experience the feel of a tactical vehicle; Soldiers also described their basic military duties and everyday work experience. Sgt. 1st Class Roger Maphis, the noncommissioned officer in charge of battalion satellite communications, said the highlight of the event was the give and take his troops and visitors provided one another.

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Visit The Signal Online at www.gordon.army.mil/pao

# Post-wide **Training Exercise Advisory**June 11-15

Fort Gordon will conduct a full scale annual antiterrorism exercise June 11-15. Several agencies from across the Central Savannah RA will participate with the installation. This exercise is designed to assess the Installation's ability to respond to multiple natural and man-made incidents and to establish the capability to effectively coordinate and communicate during emergencies with surrounding communities. Fort Gordon's Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Medical Personnel, and Tenant Organizations will respond to simulated response scenarios across Fort Gordon during the exercise.

Expect traffic delays at Access Control Points, ACPs, 1, 2, 3 and 5 during the exercise period especially during rush hours and lunch periods. Please allow adequate travel time to avoid tardiness and arrive at appointments on schedule. All personnel are urged not to visit the installation between June 11-13 for non-essential reasons. Doing so will help reduce frustration on our visitors part, and help us replicate the reduced flow of traffic at higher Force Protection conditions. Normal vehicle parking in several designated parking areas will be prohibited or altered. Some prepositioning of equipment will begin on June 7, and blocking of designated parking areas is scheduled to begin June 12-14.

Your cooperation during this important Force Protection Training is appreciated.



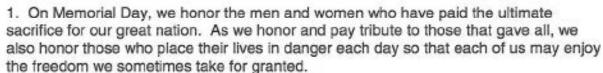
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Memorandum For All Fort Gordon Personnel

SUBJECT: Memorial Day Holiday Safety



- Memorial Day also signifies the traditional start of the summer season. I ask that we all rededicate ourselves to safety by taking care of one another, as well as our Families this weekend and throughout the season.
- 3. Many members of the Signal Center of Excellence and Fort Gordon team will take advantage of this well deserved weekend by spending time travelling or partaking in outdoor recreation and sports. I want you all to ensure appropriate risk mitigation steps are in place. This may include the proper wear of personal protective equipment, safe driving practices, safe water safety practices, safe hiking practices, and responsible use of alcohol. Commanders and supervisors at every level will ensure that each member of their organization receives a safety briefing and is aware of the hazards affiliated with this time of year.
- We are counting on you to maintain your focus on safety during this Memorial Day Weekend. Your leadership at work and at home is the first and last line of defense to prevent an accidents. Bottom line-Look out for one another. Proactive leadership, individual discipline, safety awareness and teamwork will ensure we will enjoy an accident free holiday and summer season.
- Brook and I wish each of you a safe Memorial Day, and thank you for your continued selfless commitment to our Nation. You truly are the next greatest generation!

Major General, USA Commanding

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"Our visitors get to see a variety of equipment they may never have known existed," said Maphis. "People with little military knowledge really haven't had an opportunity to talk with [servicemembers]. Being able to talk to Soldiers of different ranks and ages broadens their insight."

Maphis, an Evans native, said he and his fellow servicemembers benefited just from the conversations they shared with visitors. He said they got to hear from former Soldiers

and what they went through. Maphis said many of them were amazed how the equipment has changed or been upgraded.

"I had a World War II veteran talk to me about the difference in the seats of a humvees now compared to what he had to sit on when he served," said Maphis.

Flowers said he enjoyed talking with people about what he does, saying that he became more self-aware of his duties while explaining his unit's

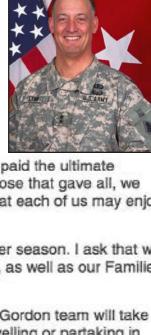
"The more I engaged visitors, the better I was able to describe my duties," Flowers said. "I don't normally like to talk but it was a challenge, and I like challenges."

Staff Sgt. Stan Buckalew organized the event for the 324th and said he approached the assignment like it was a real mission by executing precombat checks of equipment, completing a risk assessment of the route and a briefing the troops before the event began. He said the event allowed his Soldiers the unique opportunity to interact with Marines trained in the same field as well as veterans

of signal units that operated with similar equipment.

"This event was neat because you normally cannot get this large of a group together," Buckalew said.

A number of observers were impressed by the elaborate setup but many simply were glad to exchange thoughts with a servicemember. Cheryl Lynn, a labor and delivery nurse at Georgia Health and Sciences University, brought her four-year old granddaughter Patti to visit troops. Lynn said it was a chance for Patti to learn





# **Odierno: Sequestration** could lead to hollow Army

C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

It's possible the Army could be cut to 400,000 if the sequestration option spelled out in the Budget Control Act of 2011 goes into effect, the Army's chief of staff said.

The Army is already planning on cutting 80,000 active-duty Soldiers from the force over the next five years, which will bring the active end strength down to 490,000 Soldiers. Were sequestration to kick in, Army leaders expect the cuts it brings could mean the loss of an additional 100,000 Soldiers. Those Soldiers would come from both the active and Reserve components.

"If we have sequestration, it will affect both the active and reserve component," said Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno. "It depends on what balance we pick. But what I talk about a lot is: 70,000 out of the active, 30,000 out of the reserve; 80,000 out of the active, 20,000 out of the reserve. Some number around there is what we would expect."

With that, he said, he expects the active component of the Army could be reduced to anywhere between 400,000 to 425,000 Soldiers. The National Guard might lose an additional 20,000 Soldiers, and the Army Reserve might lose an additional 10,000.

"It would be quite significant," the general said, speaking May 17 on Capitol Hill, before an audience at a Senate Caucus breakfast.

"If we have sequestration, the problem we have is with this balance between end strength, readiness and modernization," he said. "I think it's going to be really hard for us to create this right balance we need, and secondly I think it's going to impact not only end strength, (but) it'll impact our ability to train and be ready. And it will significantly impact our modernization programs. It's a template for hollowing out the

As part of the Budget Control Act of 2011, lawmakers who were part of a "super committee" last year were tasked with finding \$1.2 trillion in savings, or risk across-the-board reductions in funding. Because a resolution was not reached, as much as half that amount could now automatically be cut from the Department of Defense through sequestration.

"The thing about sequestration that is also bothersome, even though the amount of cuts are in my mind unreasonable, it's the fact that we don't have any choice on where those cuts are directed," Odierno said. "It's a percentage cut out of every line item that we have. And so it would completely have significant impact on our modernization programs."

The Army's chief of staff also told lawmakers that "reset" is going well. Reset is the process the Army uses for the recovery of personnel, units and equipment from the war that was fought in Iraq, and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan.

Odierno said equipment that has come back to the United States and has been reset is now being provided to Soldiers back home for training purposes. The availability of that equipment for Soldier training helps those Soldiers and their units increase their readiness level for the next conflicts.

"We now have some MRAPS (mine-resistant,

ambush-protected vehicles) we can train on," Odierno said. "One of the real issues was we weren't having a lot of our counter-improvised explosive device equipment, we didn't have enough, to do training on. So the first time they'd see it was when they got into

But Odierno told lawmakers that there is an "incredible amount" of equipment still in Afghanistan. And until that equipment is back in the United States and made available to Soldiers for training purposes, those Soldiers and their units will face readi-

"When you don't have the equipment, it's more difficult to train, so it is going to take several years to do this," he said.

The general told lawmakers that the Army is going to retool the Army force generation process, known as ARFORGEN, it used to provide fighting forces to Iraq and Afghanistan to keep forces back in the United States at the appropriate level of readiness for potential future conflicts.

"We are going to modify (ARFORGEN) in such a way that will enable us to make sure that we have units at (a) significant high level of readiness, getting ready to have a high level," he said.

The highest level of readiness, C-1, is for units that are fully equipped and trained to go to a conflict, and who know where they are going and are prepared for deployment to that particular area. The lowest level of readiness, C-5, is for units that are completely unprepared for deployment.

"Some units will be at a C-3 level of readiness," Odierno said. "We are going to direct that to ensure we have ready forces, even as we go through this transition period. Our goal is to get as many into that 'ready category' as possible."

Still, Odierno said there will be some units at a very low level of readiness until equipment comes back from Afghanistan.

Also on the mind of the Army's senior officer is dealing with suicides in the force, and with sexual assault and sexual harassment.

"We are all in on sexual harassment and sexual assault," Odierno said. "We have a lot of work to do. It is a culture. We have to change the culture in our Army. We get people from all over our country. And we are going to bring them into our Army and talk to them about the Army culture, the Army culture of values and ethics, the Army culture of Soldiers taking care of Soldiers we will not allow this type of behavior to permeate our profession."

The number of suicides in the army is up this year, Odierno said, and will perhaps exceed the number of suicides that occurred in any other year. The source of the suicide problem, Odierno told lawmakers, is difficult for the Army to pin down.

"I can't tell you why that is happening and that is what's vexing to me," he said. "There are no trends."

The solution, to the suicide problem, he said, might

"I do know it's about intervention, it's about Sol-

diers knowing Soldiers, it's about leaders understanding Soldier issues," he said. "We are going to continue to work this problem as hard as we can."

# Directorate of Emergency Service First Responder Tip of the Month

On Fort Gordon School is out for the summer. No more pencils. No more books. No more teachers' for at least three months and, while the kids are happy about it, parents everywhere are scrambling to find activities to keep their kids busy this summer. The Fort Gordon, Police Chief would like to remind all parents' and or guardians the safeguarding of children is a shared responsibility and where that is concern school is still in session.

•Safeguarding children is the responsibility of parents and/or guardians

•Children up to Grade 5 require direct supervision by an adult or babysitter who is at least in the eighth grade; when outside children must be with a parent/guardian and within sight of that person.

•Children in Grades 6 through 8 must receive monitored care in the form of being in a designated area established by the parent/guardian in order for the parent/guardian to make regular checks of the child; they may be left unsupervised domicile (house) during waking hours for brief time (not to exceed two hours).

•Children in Grades 9 through 12 can provide self-care for longer periods of time, not to exceed 12 hours.

•Children in Grade 8 may babysit for short periods of time, not to exceed 6 hrs. Youth that are in grade 10 may babysit for periods not to exceed 8 hours.

•Children Grade 10 and younger who are left overnight will be under the on-site supervision of a competent

•Parents and/or guardians are responsible for their dependents/minors

•Curfew hours (during school year): 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

•Curfew hours (Non school year): Midnight to 5 a.m.

•During curfew hours, minors are prohibited from entering or remaining in a public place on Fort Gordon •Minors are defined as any person, other than a Service Member, who is under the age of 18

•Parents are defined as any person having legal custody of a minor as the minor's natural or adoptive parent, as the minor's legal guardian, or as the person to whom legal custody of the minor has been given by order of

•Public places are defined as any highway, street alley, sidewalk, parking lot, field, yard, or playground on Fort Gordon

•Violations will not be considered when the minor is:

Accompanied by his parent

•With an adult authorized by their parent

•Or in the yard or sidewalk of their parents house (parent must be present)

Response to Unsupervised Minors and Curfew Violations

•The Fort Gordon Military Police will increase the presence in the housing areas during the summer months.

•Information for unsupervised minors/dependants can be found on the Ft. Gordon web page under Garrison Policy # 15

•Information for the Fort Gordon curfew can be found on the Ft. Gordon web page under Garrison Policy

•If further information is needed or the content of the policy letters are unclear, please do not hesitate to contact the Fort Gordon Military Police at (706) 691-7489.

Send comments to the Editor: wilson.a.rivera.civ@mail.mil

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Bonnie Heater's

## What are your plans for **Memorial Day?**



"I am participating in the Joint National Color Guard."

> Lance Cpl. Adi Monika Qiokata U.S. Marine Corps Detachment

"I am going out of town Memorial Day weekend to celebrate my birthday, and then I will come back to spend some time with my family."

> Tynisia Ramsey Librarian Technician





"I will be spending time barbecuing with my boys, Jeremiah and Joshua.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Julia Robinson Navy Information Operations Command Georgia

"I will be going home to Covington. Ga., to spend time with my family.'

Senior Airman Kimberly Hughey 480th Intellligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group





"We will be spending time with my mother and father. They will be hosting a family picnic in Cuthbert,

Sgt. 1st Class Dedrick Clark 335th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade (USAR)

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#### Public Affairs Representatives

AR 360-1 requires commanders to appoint a unit public affairs representative to a unit that is not supported by a designated public affairs officer. If interested in telling your unit's story, writing and taking photographs of Soldiers in action and their off-duty community activities, become a unit public affairs representative IAW ST 45-07-01. Contact Wilson A. Rivera at 791-7069, the Public

#### **Memorial Day Service**

The Central Savannah Rivera Area Veterans Activities Office will host a Memorial Day Service, 10 a.m. May 28 at the All Wars Monument, located at 4th and Broad Streets in downtown Augusta. For more information, call 733-1496 or 3485.

#### **Blood Drive**

The Armed Services Blood Program will conduct a blood drive on the 5th floor of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 31. Blood collected will be sent to care for injured troops downrange and for patients at Eisenhower. Donors must be at least 17 years old and in good general health. Appointments are not required but are available online. For more information about donor eligibility, call (706) 787-1014 or see www.militaryblood.dod.mil.

#### Swap and Assist

The Swap & Assist Shop will close for summer vacation at 2 p.m. June 7 and will reopen again Aug. 16. Donations after hours can be left in the two sheds located in front of the building. For more information call 791-2260 or 791-3579.

#### **FEW Presentation**

Federally Employed Women

will present a session on Conflict Resolution June 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m in the Gordon Club Magnolia Room. This session will offer strategies to reduce conflict with supervisors, co-workers, and others.

#### **Golf Scramble**

The Signal Corps Regimental Association at Fort Gordon will host their semi-annual golf tournament June 22 to provide scholarships to deserving military community Family members. Prizes will be awarded for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, First, Second, Third place and Door Prizes. Cost is \$60 (\$50 for members) per person which includes cart, green fees, lunch, range tokens, gift packet, and prizes. Registration is from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start begins at 8:30. To sign up, RSVP no later than June 18 by calling Sgt. Maj. Mark Papenfuss at 791-9337.

#### **EFMP Swimming Night**

Fort Gordon's Exceptional Fam-

ily Member Program will host a free swimming night for EFMP Families June 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. Please RSVP no later than June 9 by calling 791-3579.

#### **SCRA Luncheon**

The next Signal Corps Regimental Association at Fort Gordon, Adolphus Greely Chapter Professional Development Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 28 in the Gordon Conference and Catering Center North Wing, Victoria Room. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Steven W. Smith, Director, Cyber Directorate Office of the Army CIO/G-6. The event is open to everyone. Please reserve your seat by June 26. Call 791-4242 or send an e-mail to charles.schrader@ us.army.mil to RSVP or for more information.

#### **DEFY**

Drug Education for Youth is looking for adult mentors and youth ages 9-12 to participate in the 2012-2013 DEFY program. DEFY is open to all active-duty military, retiree and Department of Defense affiliates. If interested, call 791-0160 or email acjenki@mi.army.mil, or (762) 206-6330, miwalke@mi.army. mil. Application deadline is April 20 for mentors and April 30 for youth.

#### Fort Gordon Retiree Council

Are you interested in serving on the Fort Gordon Retiree Council? The Fort Gordon Retiree Council is made up of 20 members who are military retirees or the widow/widower of a military retiree. The volunteers meet quarterly for the purpose of presenting issues of a local nature and suggest improvements for the well-being of retired Soldiers, Family members and survivors to the Fort Gordon Garrison Command and to the Chief of Staff of the Army's Retiree Council at Department of the Army. For more information, contact the Fort Gordon Retirement Services Officer at 791-2654, 791-1950 or send e-mail to gordrsoftgordon@conus.army.mil.

#### Scholarship contest

High school seniors who are interested in competing for the Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association annual scholarship award can obtain a scholarship essay packet by logging onto www.sergeantsmajor.com. Once on the homepage, click on the 2012 Scholarship Essay Instruction tab, print it out and follow the instructions. In order to compete for the scholarship award, all applicants must complete and mailed in their essay. The essay packet must be post-marked no later than May 31, 2012. Prerequisite: applicant must be a senior residing in, and attending high school within the CSRA, and scheduled to graduate during the 2012 spring/summer school year. Applicant parents do not have to be affiliated with the military or the Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association. If you have any questions concerning the scholarship program or essay competition, please contact Al Steele at (706) 855-4035.

#### Post Combined College Graduation Ceremony

This year, Army Continuing Education Services and the Fort Gordon Education Center have joined forces with educators from across the country to honor and strengthen their commitment to provide quality education for Soldiers, members of other services assigned to Fort Gordon, and their Families, by offering a formal On-Post Graduation Ceremony. This Commencement Exercise will be held 2 p.m. June 7 in Alexander Hall at Fort Gordon. For more information call, 791-2000. The Fort Gordon Education Center is located at 741 Barnes Ave, Bldg. 21606, Fort Gordon.

#### Vietnam Wall

A replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall is scheduled to be on display May 24-28 on Barton Field. For information or to volunteer call Paul Knox at 399-1347 or Ms Stewart at 791-5653.

#### USAOCSAA hosts reunion

The United States Army Officer Candidate Schools Alumni Association, Inc., located in Columbus, Ga., and adjacent to Fort Benning, Ga., represents and supports all Army officers commissioned through an Army Officer Candidate School, regardless of location or branch. The next reunion is scheduled April 25-29 at Fort Benning. For more information, call 221-8720 or email Army@OCSAlumni.

#### Change of Regnoncibility

Change of Responsibility
The 369th Signal Battalion
Change of Responsibility Ceremony will be held June 1 at 8
a.m. on Barton Field. For more information, call 791-2588,

#### 791-0832. Clean Air Campaign

By changing the way you get to work, you can be part of the solution to improving air quality in the Central Savannah River Area. Fort Gordon partnered with The Clean Air Campaign in an effort to reduce traffic and air pollution. Instead of driving alone, The Clean Air Campaign can help you find a better option, like carpooling. For making the switch from driving alone, you can earn \$3 a day, up to \$100. In addition, you can win prizes and earn gas cards! Sign up at www. LogYourCommute.org.

#### Housing Referral Network

AHRN is the community housing website designed to help military members and their Families with finding housing in their assigned location. This network provides a database of currently available rental housing ranging from apartments to single Family homes. AHRN also includes shared rentals and for sale by owner properties. As AHRN evolves it continues to offer better advantages to our customers. Military personnel may access rentals via their mobile device at www.ahrn.com/mobile. The information currently available to you at AHRN.com on your desktop is now available on your palm hand-held device. With AHRN mobile the following options are available to you: Login to an existing account, register or create an account, view listing information including photos and maps, search for listings, including a geographical search option to show listings near your current location, check your AHRN message center and view housing office contact informa-

Although the Housing Office encourages military personnel to visit them before signing a lease, the AHRN mobile is another avenue to assist military personnel when searching for that perfect home. For more information, contact Valerie Scott at 791-9658.

#### Post Housing Issues

The Residential Communities Office is partnered with Balfour Beatty Communities to provide Family housing at Fort Gordon. Military members living with their Families on the installation are encouraged to address issues directly with BBC. Any concerns that can't be resolved through that means can be elevated to the Residential Communities Services or RCI staff. Members of the RCI staff are located at 771A Pecan Court in McNair Terrace, and Room 129, Darling Hall. For more information, call Sharon Butler, the post RCI Liaison representative, at 791-9656 or drop by Room 129, Darling

## ID Card Appointments The ID Card Section is located

The ID Card Section is located in Darling Hall, Room 161. To schedule appointments online, visit www.gordon.army.mil or call 791-1930. Walk-in Service is Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 1 p.m.

#### BOSS

Fort Gordon's Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers facility is open at Brown Hall, Building 19730. Hours of operation are 4 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. There's free Wi-Fi, Direct TV, billiards, darts, ping pong and air hockey. The facility is open to all single servicemembers. For more information, call 791-3025.

#### **Lost Property**

The Fort Gordon Law Enforcement Center Found Property Custodian has received several bicycles, wallets, cell phones, and other lost property. If you wish to claim any property secured in the Found Property Room that may belong to you, please see the MP Desk Sergeant at the Law Enforcement Center between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on normal duty days. Please bring proof of ownership or be prepared to give a detailed description of the lost item. For more information, call 791-4380.

#### Stress Management class

Army Community Service will offer Total Force Stress Management classes to all Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, Family Members, Retirees and DoD Civilians, at no cost. For more information, call ACS at 791-3579 to register.

### Soldier Fitness Program Comprehensive Soldier Fitness-

Performance and Resilience
Enhancement Program. For
more infomation e-mail janee.
zimmerman@us.army.mil to
reserve a position.

#### Smoking Cessation The Health and Wellness

Center will be conducting new one-hour lunchtime Tobacco Cessation classes in addition to the four-hour classes offered. New four week classes will begin the first Tuesday of every month. Contact Lynn Brooks at the Fort Gordon Health and Wellness Center at 787-6756 to register.

# A leader with character

Chap. (Capt.) Bruce Wagner 202nd Military Intelligence Battalion

In the military setting, we speak liberally about leadership and the benefits for doing it well. We look at the great leaders of past wars and campaigns for examples. We tend to remember leaders on 2 scales, those that did great things and those who had monumental failures. We even define leadership using both types of examples to guide us. If we recall our own successes to others, we are told we are bragging or being conceited. But, I believe most leadership takes place in less than a grandiose fashion to accomplish the everyday mission of life. That mission may be that of a domestic engineer, corralling those little ones or fighting with your teenager about their clothes. It may be the teller at the local commissary or Wal-Mart where people are influenced daily by them. Leadership takes place in many other environments of our lives that has nothing to do with the military. I want us to consider that everything we do has influence on others and thus leads them. Recognize your leadership potential and those that you currently lead.

Andy Stanley writes in his book "Next Generation Leaders", "five essentials for those who will shape the future", that there are five concepts to forming an effective leader.

Number one is Competence; "Leaders must channel their energies toward those arenas of leadership in which they are most likely to excel. The moment a leader steps away from his core competencies, his effectiveness as a leader diminishes. Worse, the effectiveness of every other leader in the organization suffers too."

Number two is Courage;

The leader is the one who has the courage to initiate, to set things in motion, to move ahead. As a next generation leader you already possess the talent and intuition necessary to lead. But chances are it is your courage that will establish you as a leader in

the minds of others." Number three is Clarity; "Uncertainty demand clarity. Uncertainty is a permanent part of the leadership landscape. It never goes away. It is the environment in which good leadership is most easily identified. The greater the uncertainty, the greater the need for leadership. The more responsibility you assume as a leader, the more uncertainty you will be expected to manage. The individual in your organization who communicates the clearest vision will often be perceived as the leader. Clarity is perceived as leadership."

Number four is Coaching; "You may be good. But without a coach you will never be as good as you could be. Great leaders are great learner. But learning assumes an attitude of submission. A good coach will evaluate your performance against your potential. A coach helps you measure your performance against your strengths instead

of against someone else's." Number five is Character; "Character is the will to do what's right even when it's hard. Character is about "will" because it requires a willingness to make tough decisions—decisions that sometimes run contrary to emotion, intuition, economics, current trends, and in the eyes of some, common sense. Having the will to do what's right requires that you determine what's right before the struggle to do what's right ensues. As a Next Generation leader you must decide ahead of time what is nonnegotiable as it relates to right and wrong."

It seems that in today's society we are negotiating every thing in life. There are no absolutes in life anymore, or so it seems. I would argue that people still want leaders of high character. As Stanley says in his book "You can lead without character, but you won't be a leader worth following." Remember we are not limiting this discussion to military leaders, because as I have already stated, where we have influence, we have leadership. However there does seem to be a shortage of qualified applicants when we look for leaders of high integrity and morals. We have a lot of people who specialize in situational ethics. Don't hear me whining because it is not what I remember as a kid. I think those with strong character are still the type of people we want to follow and or work for us if we have the choice. I know that is the kind of leaders I want to work for. When was the last time you wanted the boss to mistreat the workforce you are a part of. How about a co-worker who is stealing from the company? Maybe it is something as simple as having your lunch stolen from the refrigerator at work. A couple of years ago I remember hearing that 1.2 billion

dollars worth of lunches were stolen from refrigerators at work. It does make a difference when it affects you. We expect people to have character and we should expect it all the time.

We should expect strong character from ourselves. Maybe when we receive too much change back at the drive through, or even tax time. Making the right moral choice, or even a legal one, should always be the one vou make. The path of least resistance may not be the path for us if it is wrong. "Every decision you make will either add to or detract from the influence you have with those who have chosen to follow you—even those decisions that are not directly related to your profession."

You have influence and people are watching. You may think otherwise, but remember the last mistake you made and someone reminded you about it later. People are watching. The Bible says in Luke 8:17 "For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open."

"Your gifts will open doors. Your character will determine what you do once those doors have opened."

#### **Sources of Assistance**

To contact a chaplain, call the Fort Gordon **Installation Operations Center or IOC at 791-**9747.

Direct emergencies go to Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center or call 911.

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

### **Replica Dignity Memorial** Vietnam Wall to be displayed on Fort Gordon

Special to the Signal

The Dignity Memorial funeral, cremation and cemetery providers created a traveling replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., as a service to those who might never visit the nation's capital to experience "The Wall" first hand. Dedicated to Vietnam veterans and honoring all U.S. service-men and women, the three-quarter-scale, fauxgranite replica is 240 feet long, eight feet high, and contains the names of more than 58,000 Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam. It brings healing to veterans, awareness to younger generations, and contemplation to all who gaze into its reflective surface.

Dignity Memorial providers created the traveling memorial in 1990. Since its inception the exhibit has crisscrossed the country, making stops in more than 200 cities from Buffalo, New York to Oceanside, California.

Millions of visitors have seen and touched its black, mirrorlike surface, inscribed with the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for flag and country. Every exhibition is community-sponsored event and involves the support and assistance of local veterans groups and civic organizations.

Don't miss the display on the east side of Barton Field May 24 - 28.

Thanks to the many volunteers and for the donations that will make this all possible on Fort Gordon this Memorial Day weekend. For more information call: 399-1347.

# <u>Chapel Call</u>

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Collective Protestant Services: (Sundays) 9 a.m. - Liturgical Service, Bicentennial Chapel 9:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service, Friendship Chapel 10:30 a.m. – Eisenhower Army Medical Center Chapel Noon. - Faith Gospel Service, Good Shepherd Chapel 11 a.m. - Bicentennial Chapel

11 a.m. - Friendship Chapel

Catholic Services:

Daily Mass, Mon-Fri, 11:45 a.m., DDEAMC Chapel Weekday Mass, Mon, Wed, Thur, 11:30 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel

Saturday Confessions, 3:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel Saturday Vigil Mass, 5 p.m., Good Shepherd Chapel Sunday Mass, 8:30 and 10 a.m., Good Shepherd Chapel

Sunday Mass, 11:45 a.m., DDEAMC Chapel Jewish Activities: Mr. Shoenholz, -787-1353

Holy Day, Sabbath, and Daily Services available off post Islamic Services: For Information, 772-4303

Jumah (Friday) Prayer Services, 12:30 p.m., Islamic Act Ctr LDS Services: Mr. Estep- 799-9651

Sunday, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Friendship Chapel Wiccan/Pagan Services: Sunday, 2 p.m., Rel Supp Ofc Religious Education – Children & Youth Classes: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School, Rel Ed Ctr Sunday, 11:30 a.m., (Sept-May) Catholic RE (CCD), Rel Ed Ctr

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Faith Gospel Classes, Religious Ed Ctr Youth Groups and Other RE Programs: Randy. Dillard,

Religious Education / Bible Studies – Adults Classes: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Prot Adult Studies, Rel Ed Ctr-791-4703 Sunday, 11:30 a.m., RCIA and "Coffee and Theology," Rel Supp Ofc

Tuesday, 7 p.m., Prot Women of the Chapel, FLC Tuesday, 7 p.m., Little Rock Study, Good Shepherd Chapel Tuesday, Noon, 513th at Motor Pool Conf Room Tuesday, 11:30 a.m., 706th MI GP, GCL, Room 117 Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Discipleship Training,

Friendship Chapel Wednesday, 7 p.m., Faith Gospel Svc at Religious Ed Center Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., Post-wide Study Luncheon, Bicentennial

Thursday, 9:30 a.m., Prot. Women of the Chapel, REC Military Council of Catholic Women,

Good Shepherd Chapel-791-4308

Directory:

Religious Support Office (Info), Bldg 29601, Barnes, 791-5653

Bicentennial Chapel, Bldg 28414, Brainard Ave, 791-3959 Good Shepherd Chapel, Bldg 29608, Barnes Ave, 791-4803 Faith Gospel Service, 791-4298

Friendship Chapel, Bldg 25603, Barnes Ave, 791-2056 DDEAMC Chapel, Hospital, 3rd floor, 787-6667

Chaplain Family Life Center, Bldg 38804, Academic Dr, Good, Old Fashion, Discipline 791-1732 Religious Education Center, Bldg 39709, 39th St, 791-4703



Sgt. Joshua A. Bowles / 706th Military Intelligence Group Public Affairs

Spc. Amanda R. McKinnon, an information management technician with the 707th Military Intelligence Battalion, helps students from Sue Reynolds Elementary School compete in a tug-of-war against another class, May 4, at Sue Reynolds Elementary School, Augusta, Ga.

# 707th MI pulls to adopt local school

Sgt. Joshua A. Bowles 706th Military Intelligence Group

Public Affairs

The first Thursday and Friday of May were a hot couple of days for the kids of Sue Reynolds Elementary School. A lot was the same as last year's field days, except for one major difference. This year the kids got to share their fun with members of the 707th Military Intelligence Battalion from Fort Gordon,

Several members of the battalion came out to help run the events. The field day participation was the first part of a partnership between the school and the battalion as part of the Adopt-A-School program.

The Adopt-A-School program gives schools a chance to bond with local businesses and organizations. Volunteers from the business or organization come in to the school and provide assistance with various programs throughout the year. Examples are, reading to classes, show and tell presentations and assisting with special events like the field days or

Sgt. Joseph R. Webster, a hardware installer with the 707th MI Bn., was one of the

many volunteers who came out to support the event. He has been doing volunteer work with the Army for several years. In addition to his work with the Adopt-A-School program, he also helps run the German Armed Forces Badge competition on Fort Gordon and frequently donates blood.

"I think this is going really well," said Webster, "The water event is getting most of the attention, but everyone is having a lot of fun. The kids were all into it and were glad we came out. They were asking me all kinds of questions. Some asked what my job was in the Army, but most of the questions were about what we do for physical training. They wanted to know how far we run, and what we do. They were amazed because they didn't really know what we did for sure. When I told them the times and distances, I think they were in shock."

Events took place over the whole school campus with multiple grades of children participating at different events all throughout the day. The first day had grades and fun," said Spc. Jessica last day had pre-kindergarten through second grade. Bn. "I'll definitely do this Activities ranged from a race again."

to push car tires around a circular track, to tug-of-war, egg-relay races, potato-sack races and dizzy-bat relays. Each event was primarily run by a fifth grader who had been selected by their teacher based on good grades and good behavior in class.

Xavier, 11, was one of these helpers for both of the days. He said he is used to being around people in the Army because his dad is a master sergeant in the Army.

"It's a lot of fun," said Xavier, about running events both days. He went on to say that running the waterrelay races was a lot more stressful than working on the tug-of-war. He described how the kids spent more time dunking water on themselves and others than running the relay race. "Those little kids are crazy," he said.

All of the volunteers from the battalion showed that they enjoyed their time with the kids by the big smiles on their faces. Many of them said that it was almost always chaotic and loud, but always entertaining.

"It's been challenging three through five and the Valcarcel, a human resource specialist with the 707th MI

# **Customer Service Awards**



Dale R. Narramore / Multimedia and Visual Information Center

Col. Robert Barker, Garrison commander, presented the 2nd **Quarter Fiscal Year** 2012 Garrison Customer Service Awards to the following recipients Phyllis Bryant, Sarah Crisp, Renee Gruber, John Rogers, Juan Salazar, Diane Sarber (not pictured) and Lloydis Shelby, Jr.

# Golf to defeat cancer

Bonnie Heater

Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Cancer often referred to as the big "C" can be a devastating diagnosis. This seems especially so when it involves a child. Childhood cancer is the number two killer of children in the United States. Rebecca Erryn Moon, the daughter of Angie and Chris Moon, and the granddaughter of Phyllis and Bill Browning, was one of its victims. After undergoing a series of radiation, chemotherapy, and a stem cell treatment at the Children's Medical College of Georgia 5 year old Becca lost her battle with neuroblastoma in 2000.

The year Rebecca passed away her parents and her grandparents formed the Rebecca Erryn Moon Foundation, Inc. It serves children diagnosed with oncology or life-threatening hematology related illnesses diagnosed before the age of 21 and their families across the United States. "We formed the foundation to help keep Becca's memory alive for us and it helps us remember how through it all she wanted us to smile and give the other sick children in the hospital her toys," said her grandmother, Phyllis Browning. "Through the foundation we are able to make a difference in the lives of children with cancer and their families."

One of the programs the foundation board members oversee is "A Bag of Love". Each newly diagnosed child or adolescent is given an "A Bag of Love", which is filled with age-related fun items such as coloring books, storybooks, cards, beanie babies, CD/tapes, crossword puzzles, and movies. They help lift the child's or adolescent's spirits during medical treatments and the battle for his/her life.

The other program

sponsored by the foundation is the "Hand in Hand" outpatient childhood Cancer support program. The foundation allocates funds under this program for overnight lodging requirements for treatment purpose, phone card for the family, lunch and dinner certificates at participating restaurants, assistance with grocery bills and emergency financial needs. To qualify under this program the child must be receiving outpatient treatments.

The "Wings of Gold" program, which is sponsored by the foundation, is designed to recognize a physician, nurse, lab technician, volunteer, social worker or researcher who has shown dedication to the care of the child and their families. Awards are given by the foundation, based on feedback of the child and his/her family. Besides these three programs, the foundation started a charity golf tournament the year Becca died. It's now in its 12th year. "We have about 150 to 160 golfers who play every year, according to Bill Browning, a retired Fort Gordon Outdoor Recreation specialist,

and Becca's grandfather. "The tournament is always held the first Sunday in May at the Gordon Lakes Golf Course," said Browning.

The golf tournament theme is "Let's Golf for Childhood Cancer - Together we can make a Hole in One for a Cure."

A surprise guest spoke to the golfers just before the shotgun start. Tyler Golden, received chemotherapy treatments for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. The 19 year old is now in remission. "I received a "Bag of Love" from the Rebecca Erryn Moon Foundation, Inc., and it helped entertain me through the chemo treatments," said Golden. "I appreciate the support the foundation gave

After a short brief explanation of the rules, the 200 golfers scattered to LakeView, PineView and IslandView courses to begin the 4-person Captain's choice Scramble.

In this year's tournament PJ Testino won "Longest Drive" on Hole 3 Pine and Denise Fairburn earned "Closest to the Pin" on Hole 4 Pine and Jim Seagle took home the prize for

Bonnie Heater / Fort Gordon Public

Tyler Golden, diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's

Lymphoma May 23, 2011, speaks during the 12th

Tournament May 6 at Gordon Lakes Golf Course.

Annual Rebecca Erryn Moon Foundation Inc., Golf

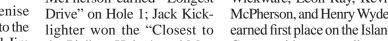
"Closest to the Pin" on Hole for "Closest to the Pin" on 6 Pine.

On the Island course, Kevin McPherson won the "Longest Drive" on Hole 5 award; Leroy Powell earned "Closest to the Pin" on Hole 6 and Robert Brooner took home the prize for "Closest to the Pin" on Hole 8.

On the Lake course, Kevin McPherson earned "Longest Drive" on Hole 1; Jack Kicklighter won the "Closest to the Pin" on Hole 4; and Matt Thomas took home the prize

Hole 6.

Tony Price, Jordan Wicker, Brad Freeman and Ryan Cato took first place at Pine after earning an overall score of 55. Martyn Hill, Matt Thomas, Scott Turnbull and Jack Kicklighter earned first place at the LakeView Course with a score of 56 and Hank Wickware, Leon Ray, Kevin McPherson, and Henry Wydes earned first place on the Island Course with an overall score of 58.



#### Wounded veterans lookout for each other at DDEAMC

**Wesley Elliott** DDEAMC

After crossing the country on a bicycle and a hand powered cycle, Jeremy Staat, a former Marine and former National Football League player, and Wesley Barrientos, a former Army infantry Soldier and double amputee, made a stop to visit the Dwight D. Esienhower Army Medical Center May 10 to speak with wounded veterans.

Jeremy Staat was a college friend and team mate of Pat Tillman, the NFL player who left an illustrious football

career to join the U.S. Army. After Staat retired from the

NFL, he decided to follow in his friends footsteps and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He deployed to Iraq in 2007 as an infantry machine gunner and was stationed in Haditha where he patrolled with his unit.

After he was medically discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps he began planning a cross country bicycle ride with his friend Wesley Barrientos who lost both his legs in an explosion during his third deployment to Iraq in 2007.

Together, they organized a trip to ride from the Wall of Valor in Bakersfield, Ca. to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington D.C.

During the trip they visit with Veterans at military hospitals and VA facilities to share their stories and listen to the veterans they meet.

Staat says "the goal is to reach Washington, D.C. by Memorial Day for the 25th year anniversary of the Rolling Thunder event."

While at DDEAMC, Staat and Barrientos stressed the importance of looking out for each other as a coping mechanism for veterans once they leave the service and focused on the importance of healthy athletic activities to deal with health issues that

affect combat veterans. They met with the Soldiers enrolled in the Traumatic Brain Injury workshop and shared their experiences while deployed and once injuries suffered in combat. they returned home.

Barrientos shared the difficulty dealing with the emotional scars and physical injuries he suffered while deployed and the hurdles he faced with healthcare when he returned.

"Dealing with the loss of my legs was rough but the real problem was the injuries you couldn't see. I am proud of you all for being strong enough to recognize you need help dealing with the problems brought on by TBI." said Barrientos speaking to the TBI workshop Soldiers.

The TBI workshop at DDEAMC allows Soldiers have suffered traumatic brain injuries to learn alternative means of dealing with the injury and issues that arise from them. Yoga, acupuncture and athletics are paired with multiple methods to deal with pain and cognitive issues that come with brain



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AGENCY	Location	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
Headquarters	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
HHD	Bldg. 21719	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
IRAC	Darling Hall	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
PAIO	Darling Hall		Closed	Closed	Closed
Commissary	Bldg. 37200	Open Open	Open	Open	Closed
ACAP	Bldg. 33800	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
ASAP (Substance Abuse)	Bldg. 38702	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
ASAP (Clinical Services)  Document Management	Bldg. 39721	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 36302	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Ed. & Service Div.	Bldg. 21606	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Military Personnel	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gillem Mail Room	Bldg. 842	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
CPAC (Darling Hall)	Darling Hall Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
NAF Job Info Ctr		Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
CPAC (DDEAMC) DES Director's Office	DDEAMC	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 29717	Open	Open	Open	Open
35th MP Detachment	Bldg. 21410	Open	Open	Open	Open
MP Admin	Bldg. 29717	Open	Open	Open	Open
DFMWR Admin	Bldg. 33720	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Army Community Service	Darling Hall	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Automotive Branch	Bldg. 29300	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Bingo Palace	Bldg. 15500	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
BOD Admin	Bldg. 33720	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Central Registration Child and Youth Services	Bldg. 28320	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 28320	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Child Development Center	Bldg. 44401	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
CDC East	Bldg. 290	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
CDC West	Bldg. 18407	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Courtyard Pool Dinner Theatre	Bldg. 36708	Open	Open	Open	Open
	Bldg. 32100	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Financial MGT Admin	Bldg. 33720	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gordon Club	Bldg. 14400	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gordon Fitness Center	Bldg. 21713	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gordon Lakes Golf Course	Bldg. 537	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gordon Lanes	Bldg. 33200	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gym # 3	Bldg. 25510	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gym # 5	Bldg. 25713	Open	Open	Open	Open
Gym # 6	Bldg. 21713	Open	Open	Open	Open
Hilltop Riding Stable	Bldg. 509	Open	Open	Open	Open
Indoor Pool	Bldg. 21608	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Java Café	Bldg. 25722	Open	Open	Open	Open
Marketing	Bldg. 33720	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Mid. School/Teen Program MIS (MWR Tech. Support)	Bldg. 45410	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 29719	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Outdoor Recreation	Bldg. 445	Open	Open	Closed	Closed
Pre-K Annex	Bldg. 45400	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Recreation Division Admin	Bldg. 29603	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Recycling	Bldg. 997	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
School Age Services	Bldg. 45410	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Signal Café (Chef Redd) Sports Office	Bldg. 29808	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 29603	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Logistical Supply	Bldg. 12307	Open	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Woodworth Library NEC	Bldg. 33500 Bldg 34500	Closed Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
IOC	Darling Hall	Open	Open	Open	Open
TSC / Devices	Bldg 15303	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TSC / VI	Bldg 29801	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Range Control	Bldg 482	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Security Plans Branch	Darling Hall Darling Hall	Open Open	Closed Closed	Closed Closed	Closed Closed
Public Works	Bldg 14500/14600	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
U-Do-It	Bldg14600	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
DFAC #4	Bldg. 29704	Open	Open	Open	Open
DFAC #6	Bldg. 25717	Open	Open	Open	Open
DFAC #8	Bldg. 25704	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
DFAC #13	Bldg. 24414	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
DFAC #11	Bldg. 21709	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
DFAC #1 and #2	RDFAC	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Property Book Office	Bldg. 2212	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Supply Support Activity	Bldg. 11601	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
ASP Operations CIF	Bldg. 8215	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 25709	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
SSSC Store Fuel Point (24 hour operation)	Bldg. 2422	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 61300	Open	Open	Open	Open
Maintenance Division Personal Property Shipments	All Shops	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 33720	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
TMP	Bldg. 13804	6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Carlson Wagonlit Travel Freight Shipments/Moblization	Bldg. 33720	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Bldg. 1000	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
EEO	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
DMPO	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
IG	Bldg. 33800	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Legal Asst	Bldg. 29718	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
TDS	Bldg. 29718	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Military Justice	Bldg. 29718	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Admin Sect	Bldg. 29718	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Claims	Bldg. 29718	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RSO**	Bldg. 29601	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
Main PX	Bldg. 38200	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.	9 a.m. to 9 p.m	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
PX Extra	Bldg. 35200	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	8710 a.m. to 4 p.m.
GAS STATION (GATE 1)	Bldg. 100	5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
GAS STATION (GATE 5)	Bldg. 49300	24 HR	24 HR	24 HR	24 HR
Class 6	Bldg. 31300	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.	11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
MCSS	Bldg. 35203	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Troop Store 1117	Bldg. 29604	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Troop Store 1119	Bldg. 25711	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Washeteria	Bldg. 35200	24 HR	24 HR	24 HR	24 HR
Concessions Mall	Bldg. 38200	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	9 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Robin Hood	Bldg. 38200	10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Closed	Closed
Charley's	Bldg. 38200	10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.	10:30 a.m. 8 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10:30 a.m. 6 p.m.
Taco Bell	Bldg. 38200	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Popeye's	Bldg. 38200	10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Cinnabon	Bldg. 38200	8 a.m. to 7 p.m	8 a.m. to 7 p.m	9 a.m. to 7 p.m	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Anthony's	Bldg. 38200	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Main Burger King Burger Kings (MRS)	Bldg. 35402	5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
	Bldg. 25711	8 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Blimpies	Bldg. 29604	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Anthony's Pizza	Bldg. 29604	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
MS Expresso	Bldg. 29722	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Godfather's Pizza	Bldg. 29722	Closed 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Closed	Closed	Closed
Starbucks	Bldg. 300		Closed	Closed	Closed
RCI (Housing) Safety **	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
	Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Close	Closed
MICC-Ft Gordon	Bldg. 29718 Darling Hall	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
GRMO		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
OCOS (Museum)	Bldg. 29807	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed
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# Eisenhower Army Medical Center's Hyperbaric Medicine program earns UHMS accreditation

Wesley Elliot

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center

The Hyperbaric Medicine Clinic at Fort Gordon's Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center was awarded accreditation for Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society April 25.

Accreditation is only awarded to those facilities that undergo an expert evaluation of their commitment to staffing and training, equipment installation, operation, maintenance, facility and patient safety and standards of care.

Over 1,600 individual standards must be successfully met in order to achieve accreditation. Nationally, only ten percent of hyperbaric facilities have been recognized with UHMS accreditation.

"Accreditation by UHMS signifies Eisenhower Army Medical Center's commitment to patient safety and upholding the highest performance standards when treating patients with hyperbaric oxygen therapy" said Michael Madsen, Medical Director and Chief of the Hyperbaric Medicine Clinic at Eisenhower. "We are pleased to earn UHMS's seal of approval".

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy has been in use for many years to treat certain types of wounds in addition to its original use for treating decompression sickness.

Diabetic foot and leg ulcers, radiation therapy injuries and serious infections such as chronic osteomyelitis are often improved by adding HBOT to conventional medical and surgical treatments. During HBOT treatments, the patient breathes 100 percent oxygen while enclosed in a pressurized chamber at greater than normal atmospheric pressure. Inhaling the pure oxygen under pressure allows greater amounts of oxygen, up to five times over what is possible while breathing oxygen at sea level pressure, to be absorbed into the bloodstream and then carried to tissues that need improved healing.

Wound healing is "jump started" by the consistent delivery of pure oxygen to the affected site, encouraging the growth of new blood vessels within the wound while improving the body's response to infection.

HBOT at Eisenhower is coordinated by a Certified Hyperbaric Registered Nurse and a typical course of HBOT requires approximately 20 to 30 consecutive treatments.

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Michael Madsen, Hyperbaric Medicine Clinic chief

A Certified Hyperbaric Technologist accompanies each patient in the chamber and monitors the entire session while a physician, who is board-certified in Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine, closely monitors each session and the response to treatment.

"There is no discomfort associated with the treatment and patients can rest, watch TV or read during treatment." said Madsen.

As a major regional military healthcare facility, Eisenhower Army Medical Center provides comprehensive care to military patients and other eligible beneficiaries throughout the South.

The UHMS accreditation of the Hyperbaric Medicine Clinic is recognition of Eisenhower's commitment to providing safe, state of the art, high-quality medical care to American servicemen and women.

# Hospital holds Change of Responsibility ceremony

Wesley Elliott

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center hosted a change of responsibility and retirement ceremony for the outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Phyllis Joseph and welcomed Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Dean May 11 on Barton Field at Fort Gordon.

Guests included Maj. Gen. Alan Lynn, Commanding General of the Army's Signal Center of Excellence, Brig. Gen. Lawarren Patterson, Commanding General of the 7th Signal Army Command, Col. Marc Harris, Chief of Staff for the Army's Signal Center of Excellence, Col. Robert Barker, Fort Gordon Garrison Commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Brock, the MEDCOM Command

Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman, the Southern Region Medical Command Sergeant Major, and Command Sgt. Maj. Lisa Claire, 706th Military Intelligence Brigade and NSA-Georgia Sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj Joseph originally served as the Southern Region Command Sergeant Major until it was relocated to Fort Sam Houston, TX and then served as the Command Sergeant Major at DDDEAMC.

In the role of Command Sergeant Major, Dean will serve as the enlisted advisor to the DDEAMC Commanding Officer Col. Christopher M. Castle and will ensure the Soldiers at DDEAMC meet the Army standards while maintaining the morale and welfare of all military personnel serving under him.

"I'm looking forward to working side by side with Col. Castle. I know we'll do great things as a command team and together we can continue to watch the many great things that our Eisenhower staff accomplish." Said Sgt. Maj. Dean.

The ceremony at Barton Field included the ceremonial passing of the NCO saber to illustrate the passing of responsibility and leadership to the incoming Command Sergeant Major.

"To the Soldiers and civilian staff of Eisenhower and Fort Gordon, it is truly an honor to be able to continue to

serve all of you for another two years." said Sgt. Maj. Dean

Prior to his appointment at DDEAMC, Dean served as the DDEAMC Troop Command Sergeant Major. He joined the Army in 1983 and has served in different leadership roles within the medical field including tours in Germany, Korea and a deployment to Iraq in 2003 with 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division.



Paul Clayton / DDEAMC

Col. Christopher M. Castle, Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center commander, oversees the transfer of responsibility between the outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Phyllis Joseph and Command Sgt. Maj. Ricky Dean at the DDEAMC Change of Responsibility ceremony at Barton Field at Fort Gordon May 11.

# Eisenhower recognizes 2012 Dental Education graduates

Wesley Elliott

Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center

On June 8, the Fort Gordon Dental Activity will hold their 2012 Advanced Dental Education Training Programs Graduation ceremony at Alexander Hall, here on Fort Gordon.

"Fort Gordon is recognized as the Army's premier dental specialty training site." Said Col. Steve Brousseau, the Prosthodontic Consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army.

The Fort Gordon Dental Activity sponsors four fully-accredited Graduate Dental programs under the supervision of an experienced board-certified faculty. Three of the programs are located at Tingay Dental Clinic, and one within the Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center

The first dental program began in 1974 as a oneyear training program in general dentistry, but it has since closed with the arrival of other programs. The Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Training program began in 1979, the Endodontic and Periodontic Training programs arrived in 1982, and the Prosthodontic Training program started

Dental residents, as well as faculty, are involved in wideranging research endeavors resulting in numerous publications in the major dental and research journals.

The Fort Gordon Dental Activity has dental care responsibilities throughout the southeast region and increasingly seeks to integrate resources and services with the Georgia Health Sciences University, College of Dental Medicine & College of Graduate Studies, and the Veterans Affairs dental communities.

"Through these and other sharing initiatives, the staff and faculty continue to strive for teaching excellence, and to instill in their residents the ideals of their specialties: knowledge, skill, dedication, and compassion." said Brous-

"The efforts of today's graduates will reach far beyond Fort Gordon and will provide outstanding dental care to Army Soldiers for years to come."

2012 Graduates:

Prosthodontic Three Year Residency Program, 2009-2012

Maj David Lalande, Canadian Forces
Maj. Sloan McLaughlin,

Maj. Sloan McLaughlin USA Capt. Sheena Allen, USA

Capt. Miles Cone, USA Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Four Year Residency Program, 2008-2012

Capt. Clint Shelley, USA Endodontic Two Year Residency Program, 2010-2012

Maj. Luke Dalzell, USA Maj. Michelle Sarno, USA Capt. Meenal Johnson,

Capt. Matthew Schafer, USA Periodontic Three Year

Residency Program, 2009-2012 Maj. Chestine Guevarra,

Capt. Sheldon Lu, USA



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•Donors must be at least 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds.

• Donors must wait 8 weeks in between blood donations.

•Donors must be free of **cold** /**flu** symptoms for at least 3 **days**.
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•Donors with recent tattoos **MAY** not be eligible, depending on the state in which it was received. Tattoos **received in GA require one year wait.** Piercings, except ears, require a year wait.

•Donors who have been to **Iraq or Afghanistan** must wait **a year** before donating. Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar are OK.

Military-affiliated donors who were stationed in Europe or Saudi Arabia between 1980 and

**1996** for longer than 6 months are ineligible. Non-military donors who traveled to Europe or Saudi Arabia between 1980 and present for longer than 5 years are ineligible.

# **Nay**Observances

Mental Health Month
Stroke Awareness Month
Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month
Arthritis Awareness Month
Blood Pressure Awareness Month
Osteoporosis Month
Healthy Vision Month
Lyme Disease Awareness Month
Skin Cancer Prevention Month
Asian Pacific Heritage Month

# Upcoming Events

Kendrick Blood Drive, May 31, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., DDEAMC 5th floor

DDEAMC Holiday Closures May 25 - Training holiday observed May 28 - Memorial Day holiday observed

DDEAMC Outpatient Pharmacy Holiday Hours Closed on all Federal holidays. Training holiday hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

DDEAMC PX Refill Pharmacy Closed on all Federal holidays. Training holiday hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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# 67th ESB challenges Soldiers in day of traditions

**Sgt. Dianne Carter** 

35th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade Public Affairs

The 67th Signal Battalion (Expeditionary), 35th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade ended their Heritage Week celebration with the Lightning Challenge May 11 at Barton Field.

The Lightning Challenge is an all-day competition with many games and physical challenges between the four companies within the 67th ESB.

"History brings about and restores a love for lineage, heritage and tradition. 67th ESB Heritage Week introduced us to many of those traditions and some of the people who lived them, such as retired Maj. Gen. Henry J. Schumacher during our annual Dining Out, 7 May 2012," said Capt. Alexander Stevenson, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 67th ESB.

The day began with a tug-of-war contest, football and volleyball games to determine a champion from each company. The field was covered by a sea of orange t-shirts that ebbed and flowed as the companies cheered their individual teams from the sidelines.

HHC won the tug-of war; A Co. won the football game, and C Co. won the volleyball game.

After the games end, everyone gathered next to four Humvees parked on the far end of the field. Teams of ten Soldiers from each company stretched out their muscles as they discussed their strategies to win the next four events.

Teams swarmed their vehicles like Army ants attacking an insect. They grabbed any spot they could and pushed the vehicles across the field as fast as their feet would go.

The next event was moving a pile of sandbags from one point to another. Beads of sweat appeared on their faces, as the team members carried three and four sandbags at a time on their shoulders and raced to their goal.

At this point all the teams slowed down as they approached the buddy carry. Each team member picked a buddy and took turns carrying each other to the orange cones that marked the end of the event.

HHC lead the way as teams raced to the SKED litter carry. They

Sgt. Dianne Carter / 35th Theater Tactical Signal Brigade Public Affairs

B Co., 67th ESB pushes a humvee to the finish line. This is one of many events in 67th ESB Lightning Challenge.

grabbed two SKEDs and strapped a team member in each. The rest of the team pulled them to the finish line.

This brought HHC and C Co. in a tie, so everyone gathered to watch both teams pick a five member team for a tiebreaking rope climbing event,

with C Co. winning the Lightning Fury

Winning represents the overall drive that each Soldier in the Company possesses, said Pfc. Jordan Keenan, assigned to C Co.

"Winning the Lightning Fury

Trophy is a testament to the endurance and no quit attitude that the Charlie Cobras have on a daily basis," First Sgt. Todd R. Daniel of

# Auburn native named 593rd Sustainment Bde. Soldier of the Year

Sgt. Sarah Enos

5th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

FORT LEWIS, Wash.

The specialist adjusted his black tie, stood in front of a mirror, and looked at his reflection. His brown hair was shaved and he wore black modern square glasses over his espresso-colored eyes. He had worked hard for this day; he was going to be named his brigade's Soldier of the Year.

Specialist Daniel Bell, a satellite communication systems operator-maintainer with C Company, 51st Expeditionary Signal Battalion, became 593rd Sustainment Brigade's Soldier of the Year, here, April 19.

To be considered a candidate for the board. Bell had to submit his Army Physical Fitness Test score and weapons qualification score. He prepared for the Soldier of the Year competition though weeks of study and practice, and with support from noncommissioned officers who helped ensure he was ready for the challenge.

The boards consist of a president and four senior NCOs who score the candidate according to uniform appearance, military bearing, basic drill and knowledge about various military subjects.

"I wanted him to put himself out there and take that leap of faith to go before a board," Sgt. Harmand Weeks, a supervisor

with C Company, 51st ESB, said. "I knew that by going to these boards he would develop confidence and would excel."

Just more than two years ago, Bell completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

"I didn't know what to expect when I joined the Army," Bell said. "I just came in and did the best I could."

At first, Bell's best wasn't enough, but early challenges are turning into early successes.

"When I first joined I was 215 pounds," Bell said, who is now 180 pounds. "I was well over the weight I needed to be. I could hardly pass a Army Physical Fitness Test and at first I didn't."

Bell's APFT score increased

on two consecutive tests by done for a while. The more I more than 25 points each time.

The Hoosier faced many struggles during his journey to compete for Soldier of the Year, and not all of them were physical.

"I bombed the first board I went to," Bell said. "I did not want to fail miserably in front of the people I don't know or those I work with every day. It was a hard thing to push through."

He credited his wife, son and the co-workers who encouraged him to continue preparing for the board.

"Everyone was motivated that I was going to the board and played a part in helping me study," Bell said. "People from work asked me random questions while walking down the hall. My son and wife quizzed me almost every night for the last month, so my wife is probably relieved she is

knew going into the boards, the more confident I felt.

"You're not going to be perfect at everything. Everyone has weaknesses. Identifying your weakness is your true strength."

Weeks said Bell's hurdles weren't uncommon and his confidence in the young Soldier never waned.

"I think he is just like anyone else," Weeks said. "He was nervous in the beginning, not knowing how it would play out. He faced his fears head-on and overcame his challenges slowly over time. He got frustrated along the way, especially in some of the mock boards, but he didn't stop."

Bell said as honored as he is to be 593rd Sust. Bde.'s Soldier of the year, his experiences have taught him not to look back at past accomplishments for too long. Instead, he's



looking ahead.

"I'm not going to limit myself to one thing," Bell said. "I want to pursue my bachelors degree in engineering and strive to be Sergeant Major of the Army one day. I'm just going to reach for the sky and see where I go."

Weeks said he looks forward to watching Bell's journey continue.

"Fifteen years from now," he said, "if I heard Specialist Bell was Sergeant Major of the Army Bell, I wouldn't be surprised."

# ASU commissions ten new leaders

Wilson A. Rivera

Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Ten Cadets from the Augusta State University Army Reserve Officers Jaguar Battalion commissioned during a ceremony held May 11 at the ASU Amphitheatre in Augusta Ga.

Since 1975 ASU has been a host institution and has contributed to the officer leadership of the United States Army. They have commissioned more than 350 officers from the program and three have moved up the ranks to become general officers.

"The Jaguar Battalion graduates enter military service as quality educated officers committed to Army values and prepared to provide leadership excellence to our nation's sons and daughters," said Lt. Col. William Cantrell, professor of military science at ASU. "We continue that tradition."



Guests take seats at the Augusta State University Amphitheatre centered in the college campus during a commissioning ceremony May 11 in Augusta, Ga.

ASU made 41 percent of the distinguished graduates in the nation only exceeded by the University of Georgia, in Athens, Ga. Two of the cadets, Sheneckia Phipps ranked 35 and Patrick Davis

88 from more than 5,000 cadets this year.

"It has proved the program here is truly exemplary, not just the students but also to the hard work of the dedicated staff and cadre,"

said guest speaker Col. Michelle M. Fraley, director of Capabilities, Development and Integration Directorate.

Fraley especially recognized Sgt. 1st Class Heriberto Reyes, ASU ROTC cadre, who is the U.S. Army Cadet Command Noncommisioned Officer of the Year.

Cadets commissioned were Annavictoria Barker, Rhvs Breazeale, Nekena Chambers, Patrick Davis, Fania Gendehmeh, Cassidy Leach, Angelea Patitucci-McCaugherty, Sheneckia Phipps, Sylvia Sims, and Jacob White.

Second Lt. Sylvia Sims selected to be a Quartermaster officer after six years enlisted in the Army Reserve deploy as a human resource specialist and information technology specialist. After completing the Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Lee, Va., for Quartermaster, Sims looks to continue growing with experience as she did



Brothers of Sylvia Sims, Army Spc. Quin Sims and Marine Lance Cpl. Ralph Sims, attach Quartermaster Branch 2nd Lieutenant epaulettes to the Army Service Uniform during A commissioning ceremony held May 11 at the Augusta State University Amphitheatre in Augusta, Ga.

following advice from a mentor, Capt. Kimberly Leavell, a logistics

## **ACS** recognizes Fort Gordon spouses

Nick Spinelli

Fort Gordon Public Affairs

Fort Gordon's Army Community Service took time to recognize those who provide the most support to service members, with a series of Military Spouse Appreciation Week events and by ACS staff followed activities.

"There were three major categories of activities for the week," explained Suzanne Crosby, Army Community Service Survivor Outreach Services Support Coordinator. "First, a one page essay contest for Service Members to submit about their spouse was conducted in April. Secondly, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation held special activities for military spouses at their various locations. Planning staff included some activities during the evening hours to accommodate working spouses. Lastly, a picnic and information fair was held at Balfour Beatty Community Center on 11 May, Military Spouse Appreciation Day."

the Invisible Uniform," as included spouses and service motivation, ACS held activi- providers. ties such as horseback riding,

bingo, bowling, and Zumba. The events concluded with Military Spouse Appreciation Day, held May 11 at **Balfour Beatty Community** Center. According to Crosby, over 100 spouses attended the event.

"The crowd was welcomed by an invocation given by Chap. (Capt.) Jamison Bowman," Crosby said. "The commanding general, post command sergeant major, garrison commander, garrison command sergeant major, and deputy garrison commander all attended the event and reached out to spouses to offer thanks and encouragement."

Additionally, Brooke Lynn and Lori Pfleger, spouses of the commanding general and command sergeant major respectively, joined Monika Hall in cutting the Military Spouse Appreciation Day cake. Hall was the subject of the winning essay of the Military Spouse Appreciation contest.

The event ended with With the theme, "Saluting an impromptu dance that

